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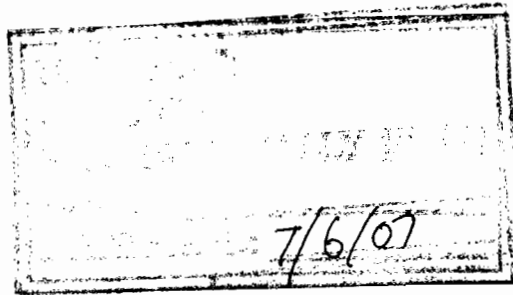
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Al K Hellerstein*

Re: *Cerami v. Novartis AG et al.*, Case No. 07-CIV-5634

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

Pursuant to Rule 1.D. of Your Honor's Individual Rules, Defendant Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc., hereby requests an extension until August 13, 2007, to answer, move, or otherwise respond to the complaint of Dr. Anthony Cerami in the above-captioned action.

The original date for Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc. to answer, move, or otherwise respond to the complaint is July 12, 2007. This is Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc.'s first request for an extension of time to answer, move, or otherwise respond to the complaint. Counsel for Dr. Cerami consents to this extension of time. No other dates have been scheduled with respect to this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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